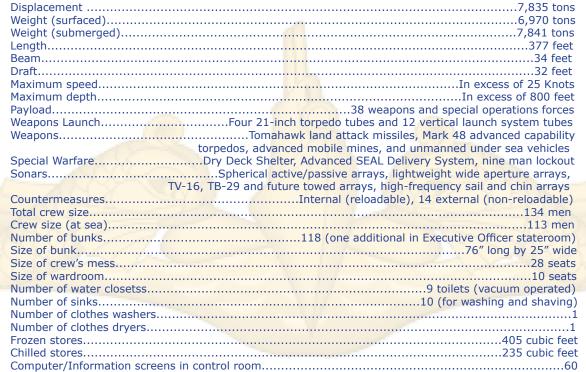
USS Virginia (SSN 774) Facts and Figures

Virginia is the first ship of a new submarine class. Virginia must take on almost 1,000 tons of seawater into the main ballast tanks to submerge! It does this by opening the main ballast tank vents located in the top of the ship and allowing water to enter into the 5 main ballast tank flood grates located on the bottom of the ship. Likewise to surface the Virginia all 1,000 tons of seawater must be blown back out of the 5 main ballast tanks.

Characteristics and Facts









Submariners like to eat and some say we are the best fed in the Navy. On a typical 90 day load out of food stores you can expect to see the following on a pier being loaded by hand into the chilled, frozen, or dry storerooms.

Eggs1,350 dozen	Butter450 pounds	Sugar1,300 pounds
Flour3,200 pounds	Beef2,200 pounds	Chicken1,500 pounds
Fish260 pounds	Vegetables2,100 pounds	Coffee500 pounds
Pasta900 pounds	Bug Juice (fruit flavored drinks)	22 mixed gallons per day

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